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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. During the night on 25 June 1953, the troops which, during the night on 17 June had left toward Berlin, returned to the Templin training area. Source was not able to obtain detailed information on the troops as they left for, and returned from, Berlin via Hammelspring and Templin. After the return of the troops and prior to 10 July, little activity was observed at the training grounds. The area again was cordoned off as prior to the departure of the troops. Between 25 June and 10 July, only a few squads and platoons were receiving basic training, and firing with infantry weapons was observed only occasionally. After 25 June, all troops engaging in field training were armed. Even officers were armed with submachine guns. Source had the impression that the troops were still on the alert. Trucks seen en route to the training area

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At about 6 p.m. on 9 July, six [REDACTED] with closed superstructures with three windows were detrained at the Templin railroad station. Two concrete mixing machines and four foundation pits, each of 10 x 10 meters, were in Jagen (forest section) No 101 near Annenwalde. Two one-story temporary buildings, about 15 meters long, and a watchtower had been erected near the cantonment building quartering the colonel, in Jagen No 45, near Beutel, during the week prior to 10 July.

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2. Between 28 June and 9 July, source did not observe any training activity in the Templin training area. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 28 June, trucks which were loaded with billeting equipment and construction timber, and went from the Kannenburg summer camp toward the Vogelsang railroad station

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At 4 p.m. on 30 June, 1 motorboat, 9 pontoons, 1 tank truck and about 40 truck

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At 3:45 p.m. on 1 July, about 20 trucks towing 12 x 76.2-mm field guns and occupied by troops wearing gas masks and full field pack; and ambulance

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went to the summer camp, coming from the direction of Zehdenick.

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At 3 p.m. on 3 July, six trucks towing 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns passed through Vogelsang, coming from the summer camp and proceeding toward Zehdenick. Motor vehicles seen en route to the summer camp

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occupied by air force personnel. At 10 a.m. on 9 July, eight boxcarloads of foodstuff were detrained at the Vogelsang railroad station and were hauled to the summer camp by trucks

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3. On 26 June, 18 trucks carrying billeting equipment were seen en route from Kamenburg and Vogelsang to Eberswalde. Between 8:15 p.m. and 9 p.m., 34 trucks occupied by troops passed through Templin, coming from Kamenburg and Vogelsang and proceeding to Eberswalde.

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On 30 June, numerous trucks went to Kamenburg and Vogelsang, coming from the direction of Eberswalde. On 2 July, 12 T-34 tanks, SP guns and about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained in Hammelspring. Between 3 and 12 July, numerous vehicles, occupied by troops and carrying equipment, went from Kamenburg and Vogelsang to Templin and Eberswalde and vice versa.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Comment. On 26 June, units of the 25th Tank Div, the departure of which, at the same time, had been reported from the Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg, presumably returned to Templin. the Templin training area prior to 10 July, belonged to units of the division, the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, the 3d Engr Regt of the army and, a few, to the 6th Gds Mecz Div. The construction project in Jagen No 101 near Annenwalde had already been reported in late May by the same source.

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2. Comment. The departure in late June of units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div with billeting equipment, which had been reported by several sources, is confirmed by information in the present report. The operation was continued until 12 July. Trucks from Eberswalde presumably shuttled the equipment away. On 2 July, a tank unit of the division was presumably entrained.

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The transfer to East-Berlin of units of the division from Bad Freienwalde in mid-July accounts for the movements observed. . It is the impression that the division, at present, will not return to the Templin training area but will be stationed at its posts and in Berlin. Except for this division, however, the Templin training area appears to be occupied as previously after the end of the rebellion. 

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